

Chesapeake Coalition for the Homeless

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2011

Attendees:

Alisa Winston - City of Chesapeake	Kathy Hodges - Oak Grove United Methodist Church
Amy Stephan - Chesapeake CSB	Lynanne Gornto - The Planning Council
Annie White-Guertin - PARC, Inc	Mary Aab - Virginia Supportive Housing
Antione Hines - Chesapeake Community Program	Norine Stuck - VEC
Apostle Wallace - The Resurrected Church	Sandra Polk - VEC
Catherine Staton - My Help My Hope Charity	Sarah Johnson - ForKids
David Wall - Veterans Affairs Medical Center	Shea Stacy – H.O.P.E .Village
Debbie Rippard - NEST	Tammy Loper - Chesapeake Social Services
Diane Weymouth - United Way	Vantoria Clay - ECI
Julie Dixon - The Planning Council	Vikki Henderson - ForKids

1. **Welcome** – Amy Stephen called the meeting to order.
2. **Minutes** – The May 11, 2011 minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Shea Stacy’s name. David Wall made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Diane Weymouth seconded and the motion passes unanimously.
3. **Houses of Blessing** – Antoine Hines reported on the Houses of Blessings, a faith based coalition to address local concerns such as education, housing, crime, hunger and homelessness. HUBS are based on police precincts with one leader per HUB. The next meeting of the City-wide group will be August 13, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Deep Creek Community Center.
4. **MyHelpMyHope** – Catherine Staton introduced her charity MyHelpMyHope, and announced a community event “Be Silent No More” to be held on July 23 at the Great Bridge Community Center. The organization has been formed to address the needs of domestic abuse survivors and Catherine intends to open a Domestic Violence Shelter in Chesapeake once the charity achieves 501(c)3 status. She also announced a supply drive called “Beauty in a Purse” that provides a purse filled with toiletries to women living in shelters.
5. **Regional Merger** – after discussion of the benefits and concerns involved with a regional merger of local continuum of care Alisa Winston made a motion that Chesapeake Coalition for the Homeless join the Norfolk Continuum of Care and the Western Tidewater Continuum of Care in submitting a joint Exhibit One HUD application in 2011. After additional discussion the motion passed with nine members voting in favor and two opposing. (In favor: Alisa Winston, Mary Aab,

Sarah Johnson, Amy Stephen, Shea Stacy, Antione Hines, Pastor, Julie Dixon, Diane Weymouth / Opposed: Annie White-Guertin, Debbie Rippard).

6. **SRO Update** – construction is expected to begin the end of 2011 on the SRO. The City Manager will take the lead on the environmental plan. The name is Heron's Landing. Chesapeake will need to decide if they want to set aside rooms as chronically homeless and if so, how many. After discussion it was decided to table a decision about chronically homeless beds for a future date.
7. **Summer PIT Committee** – met prior to this meeting to discuss participation in the regional summer PIT count. There will be a meeting June 16 at 3:00 pm at the Planning Council to discuss the methods and timing for the proposed count.
8. **Announcements** –
 - a. H.O.P.E Village reports they have two Chesapeake residents moving to permanent housing.
 - b. ForKids is converting its Suffolk House emergency shelter to a homeless prevention and rapid re-housing program. They will provide emergency shelter throughout Western Tidewater via hotel/motel vouchers.
 - c. Our House Families is having an open house on June 30 from 12 to 2. CDBG-R funds were used to renovate Our House.
 - d. HPRP may start accepting applications on July 5.
 - e. HPP starts up again July 1.
 - f. June 20-25 will be a City wide service project to upgrade houses in the area. 27 projects will be in South Norfolk.
9. **Next Meeting** – July 13, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Indian River Library